

I. Amendments

To the Claims:

This listing of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims) will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Listing of Claims:

1-21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) An ophthalmic device for retaining a lens capsule, comprising:
a single rod forming a linear handle portion, an end of said rod being bent at an acute angle relative to the linear portion of the handle so that the end is not parallel to the linear portion of the handle, and an extension formed at a free portion of the end,
wherein the extension is not parallel to the linear portion of the handle,
wherein the extension includes two linear tips connected to and diverging from the end with respect to each other ~~at an angle other than 0°~~ in opposite directions, and
wherein each tip has a free terminus.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 23, wherein ~~each one~~ each of the linear tips extends ~~one of~~ upward to its terminus and the other extends downward to its terminus, each relative to an axis of the linear portion of the handle.

25. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 23, wherein ~~each one~~ each of the linear tips extends ~~one of~~ leftward to its terminus and rightward to its terminus, each relative to an axis of the linear portion of the handle.

26-27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 22, wherein the rod includes a second opposite end which is bent relative to the linear portion of the handle and includes thereon a positioning stopper.

29-30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 22, wherein the device is made of a synthetic resin selected from at least one of polypropylene, nylon, silicone, polyvinyl chloride, polyvinyl fluoride, polymethyl methacrylate, polyimide, and a shape-memory resin.

32. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 22, wherein the device is made of a metal selected from at least one of stainless steel, aluminum, titanium, and a shape-memory metal.

33. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 22, wherein the extension has a width in the range of about 1 mm to 15 mm.

34. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 22, wherein the extension is made of a material that is more flexible than the handle.